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Phytosanitary Measures**

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 19 October 2005, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

Agreement adding a third transitional provision to Mexican Official Standard NOM-144-SEMARNAT-2004, establishing the internationally recognized phytosanitary measures for wood packaging material used in international trade in goods and merchandise, published on 18 January 2005

Draft Mexican Official Standard NOM-144-SEMARNAT-2004, "Establishing the internationally recognized phytosanitary measures for wood packaging material used in international trade in goods and merchandise", was published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Official Journal of the Federation) on 24 September 2004 and notified to WTO Members in document G/SPS/N/MEX/207. Once the procedure laid down in the relevant legal provisions had been completed, the definitive Mexican Official Standard was published in the Official Journal on 18 January 2005.

Acting through the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources and in order to ensure more effective implementation of this Mexican Official Standard, the Government of Mexico subsequently published, in the Official Journal of 15 September 2005, an Agreement amending the second transitional article of the standard so as to provide a reasonable period for those targeted by the regulation to adopt the measures necessary for its entry into effect, of which Members were informed through notification G/SPS/N/MEX/207/Add.1.

However, since the use of dunnage and wedges to protect imported goods and merchandise is extremely widespread, the Government of Mexico, acting through the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, on 18 October 2005 published an Agreement adding a third transitional article to the standard in question, which provides that the latter shall apply to such types of wood until 5 July 2006, so as to give users more time to adopt the phytosanitary measures established therein.

The texts of the Agreement and the Mexican Official Standard in question are available in Spanish in the Standards Catalogue, at <http://www.economia-noms.gob.mx/>, and from the National Enquiry Point, as follows:

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